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1. (Confidential - GLC) Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called and asked if we would check to see whether any support could be given to the argument that the Cuban missile crisis served as a bench mark for the Soviets in their defense programs in that following the Cuban crisis the Soviets engaged in a major military buildup so that they would not be in a position to back down as they did over Cuba. She would like a classified paper for Senator Jackson on this and anything which could be said of an unclassified nature as well.

2. (Secret - GLC) Met with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him on recent intelligence information on Soviet missile sites. I also reviewed with Woodruff, in some detail, the Director's talk with Senator Russell regarding Senator Symington's request for a list of overseas installations and Senator Proxmire's letter asking the Director to appear before the Subcommittee on Economy in the Government of the Joint Economic Committee. Woodruff referred to Senator Proxmire as a very reasonable individual and felt that Senator Russell's suggestion that the Director sit down and talk with him is a good one.

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3. (Secret - GLC) Met with Jim Gehrig, Staff Director of the Senate Space Committee, and told him what we knew to date regarding the first of the two most recent Venus shots. Gehrig expressed some amazement at the recent article by [] on the comparison of U.S. and Soviet space programs. He was particularly surprised by the amount of detailed information (which Gehrig had considered sensitive) regarding Soviet space activities which appeared in this publication. I told Gehrig it was my understanding that [] was quite careful in his publications--checking on the accuracy of his information and content of his material from the standpoint of security classification. I told Gehrig I would talk further with Mr. Dave Brandwein, FMSAC, and be back in touch with him.

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